

III. *Jeypore-Malkangiri railway line* (100 km) &

IV. *Rayagada Gopalpur Port railway line* (165 km)

Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments for on-going projects, it is not proposed to take up Jeypore-Malkangiri and Rayagada-Gopalpur Port railway lines, for the present.

Railway Line from Khurda Road to Bhabanipatora (Orissa)

146. SHRI LOKANATH CHOU-
DHURY : Will the Minister of RAIL-
WAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to construct a railway line from Khurda Road to Bhabanipatora in Orissa ; and

(b) if so, the estimated amount to be spent thereon and when the construction work is likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

(a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Coal Supply to Ceramic Units

147. SHRI DHARMANNA MON-
DAYYA SADUL : Will the Minister
of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of ceramic units catering various industrial consumer items are facing problems in getting coal at normal prices :

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to provide coal at normal rate to these units ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI
S. B. NYAMAGOUA) : (a) to (c)
Government have been giving pre-
ference in allotment of railway wagons
for movement of coal to priority sec-
tors which include power, cement,
steel, railways, fertilizers and alumi-
nium. Due to limited availability of
railway wagons, coal movement by
rail to other consumers including ce-
ramic industries has been affected.
They may, therefore, have to meet
their requirements by moving coal by
road which is more expensive. Steps
are being taken to augment the avail-
ability of railway wagons for coal
loading through faster turn around of
wagons and reducing loading and un-
loading time.

Purchase of Air Craft from Soviet Union

148. SHRI HARI KISHORE
SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION AND TOURISM be plea-
sed to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal
to purchase civilian passenger aircraft
from the Soviet Union ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of comparative com-
petitiveness in the international mar-
ket ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL
AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI
MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a)
Presently, there is no proposal to pur-
chase any civilian passenger aircraft
from Soviet Union.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.